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Schools, Libraries, State Educational Institutions.

House File 141
By TATE.

Passed House, Date

Vote: Ayes..... Nays.....

Passed Senate, Date

Vote: Ayes..... Nays.....

Approved

A BILL FOR

An Act to amend section two hundred seventy-nine point ten (279.10), Code 1950, providing for extension of the school year to insure at least one hundred eighty (180) days of classwork and other time for the in-service training of teachers.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

- 1 Section 1. Section two hundred seventy-nine point ten
- 2 (279.10), Code 1950, is hereby amended by striking the word
- 3 "thirty-six" in line four (4) and substituting in lieu thereof
- 4 the word "thirty-eight".
- 1 Sec. 2. Section two hundred seventy-nine point ten (279.10),
- 2 Code 1950, is further amended by adding the following paragraph:
- 3 "At least one hundred eighty (180) days of each school
- 4 year shall be in classroom work or work recognized as such by
- 5 law and the remaining days for such activities as may be specified
- 6 by the board of education.

EXPLANATION OF H. F. 141

The present law requires a minimum school year of thirty-six weeks of five days each, but few schools have been in session 180 days during any school year. Some schools have had thirty-eight weeks of school for some time. Others have more recently extended their school year by contracting with teachers for more than the usual 180 days. As the work of the schools has been increased in recent years, the school year needs to be lengthened. The in-service training of teachers is essential in advancing education and many worthwhile activities are necessarily a part of the modern school program. This bill proposes that the school year be lengthened to thirty-eight weeks, requiring at least 180 days of classroom work and the remaining days to be used as specified by the board of education.